

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 2-3, 8-9, 11-13, and 26-28 are pending in this application. Claims 4 and 10 are canceled.

Claims 2, 4, 8, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueda et al. (U.S. Published Application 20020184200) in view of Ito (U.S. Published Application 20010005809). Claims 3, 9, 12, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueda et al. in view of Ito and Muramatsu (U.S. Patent 6,868,337).

The present invention is directed to "a contents server which generates guide contents for a tour." (Claim 2; Claims 8 and 11 contain similar limitations) While both Ueda and Ito disclose providing instructions/directions to a mobile terminal, neither is directed to providing guide contents "for a tour" as required in the present claims.

Moreover, the present invention includes "preview customizing means for a user to preview and customize the guide contents on the basis of user information entered by the user; whereby the user can preview and customize said tour." (Claim 2; Claims 8 and 11 contain similar limitations) This preview customizing means 34 is shown in Figure 1 and described for example in paragraph 73. This feature allows the user to preview and customize the tour beforehand. Neither Ueda nor Ito discloses an analogous preview feature for a tour, much less the directions they do provide.

In addition, the Examiner contends Ito discloses in Figures 7(a)-(k) a navigation system including a plurality of image layers superimposed on each other. (Office Action page 5)

However, Figure 7 simply shows individual displays. Ito provides no supporting disclosure which indicates superimposing a plurality of image layers as required in the present claims.

Likewise, Muramatsu does not meet any of the above discussed limitations. Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Ueda, Ito, and Muramatsu fail to obviate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

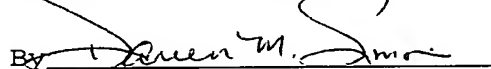
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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